

REMARKS

THE AMENDMENTS AND REASONS FOR AMENDMENTS

Applicant amends claims 1, 2, and 3. Thus, claims 1, 2, and 3 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

The amendments are made to clarify the claimed invention and to expedite the allowance of the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file applications claiming the benefit of priority to the present application claiming the subject matter of the present and other applications.

THE CLAIMED INVENTION COMPLIES WITH 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly having insufficient antecedent basis for the phrase "the bars."

In order to expedite allowance of the claims, Applicant has amended independent claim 1, 2, and 3 to change "the bars" to "the barbs." Thus the elements of claims 1-3 have sufficient antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner stated that claims 1-3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

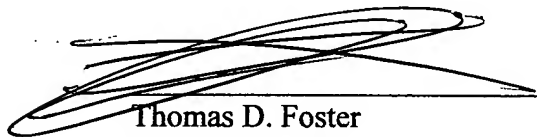
Applicant has amended claims 1-3 as requested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Thus the elements of claims 1-3 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are ready for examination and are in condition for allowance.

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